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Georgia Conference

M. P. Church,

Seventy-Fourth Session,

Mt. Zion Church,

December 3-6, 1903.

Rev. J. McD. RADFORD, President.

J. J. BARGE. Secretary.

MINUTES

OF

The Seventy-Fourth Session

OF

THE GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF

The Methodist Protestant Church,

HELD AT

Mt. Zion Church, Henry County,

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ADMITTED.	ADDRESS.
1858. G. W. Morris,	Conley, Georgia
1861. T. J. Biggers,	Buchanan, R. F. D. "
1861. J. O. A. Radford,	Monroe, "
1868. R. S. McGarity,	Jefferson, "
1872. J. A. McGarity,	Jersey, "
1872. W. J. Causey,	Victory, "
1877. E. C. Jordon,	Gore, "
1883. A. Mauldin,	Waco, "
1884. S. M. Garrett,	East Atlanta, "
1890. J. C. Patrick,	Lovejoy, "
1891. J. McD. Radford,	Carrollton, "
1892. W. P. Bryant,	Newnan, "
1895. A. G. Upshaw,	Stockbridge, "
1899. E. B. Aycock,	Jersey, "
1899. L. C. Wilkerson,	Enfaula, Alabama.
D. H. Mobley,	Auburn, Georgia.
1903. J. R. Anderson,	Atlanta, "
N. W. Wortham,	High Shoals, "
1903. C. B. McDaniel,	East Atlanta, "

Laymen.

Atlanta and Pamona Mission—W. F. Manley, Pamona, Ga.; N. M. Echols, Alt., Atlanta, Ga.
 Bowden Circuit—N. A. Horton, Carrollton, Ga.; G. H. Adamson.
 Cedar Grove Circuit—H. T. Masters, Ellenwood, Ga.
 Constitution Mission.
 DeKalb Circuit—J. T. Kelley, Decatur, Ga., R. F. D.
 Gordon Circuit.
 Jackson Circuit—J. M. Haynie.
 Jersey Circuit—A. F. Pennington.
 Laurel Branch Circuit—J. I. Ethredge.
 Newnan Circuit—J. W. Plant.
 Pleasant Grove Mission—E. O. Hunt.
 Oconee Mission.
 Randolph Circuit—H. C. Marshall, Cuthbert, Ga.
 Riverdale Circuit—D. T. Stone, Hampton, Ga.; J. H. White.
 Rome Circuit.
 Rook Springs Mission—W. H. Farmer.
 Sharon Mission—J. E. Sharley.
 Tallapoosa Circuit—O. D. Keyes.
 Walton Circuit.—G. W. Ayecceck.

OFFICERS.

REV. J. McD. RADFORD, President,

J. J. BARGE, Secretary.

J. S. OWENS, Steward.

Faculty of Instruction.

Rev. J. McD. Radford, Rev. R. S. McGarity, Rev. W. J. Causey.

Board of Church Extension.

Rev. W. J. Causey, Rev. R. S. McGarity, Rev. J. A. McGarity,
G. W. Morris, B. F. Morris.

Committees.

Standing Dist.—Rev. R. S. McGarity, Rev. J. O. A. Radford, Rev. W. J. Causey, B. T. McGarity, A. J. Conkle, H. T. Masters.

Boundary—Rev. R. S. McGarity, Rev. J. C. Patrick, N. A. Horton, J. T. Kelley, W. H. Farmer.

Stationing—Rev. G. W. Morris, Rev. A. G. Upshaw, Rev. S. M. Garrett, W. D. Star, H. T. Masters.

Pulpit Service—Rev. A. G. Upshaw, Rev. J. C. Patrick, G. W. Riley, Dr. Spraberry.

Credentials—Rev. J. R. Anderson, W. D. Star, D. T. Stone.

Temperance—Rev. J. C. Patrick, J. H. White, W. H. Farmer.

Finance—G. H. Adamson, J. S. Sharley, Rev. E. B. Aycock, A. J. Conkle.

Official Character—Rev. J. A. McGarity, W. F. Manley, Rev. J. R. Anderson.

Statistics—J. S. Sharley, G. W. Aycock, A. F. Pennington.

Orders and Itinerancy—Rev. R. S. McGarity, H. T. Masters, J. I. Ethedge.

General Interests—Rev. E. B. Aycock, H. C. Marshall, E. O. Hunt.

Journals—Rev. S. M. Garrett, J. M. Haynie, J. W. Plant.

Publishing—J. J. Barge.

PROCEEDINGS—SYNOPTICAL.

THURSDAY, December 3, 1903, 10 A. M.

Conference opened with prayer by Rev. T. J. Biggers. President Radford read the Sixty-seventh Psalm, after which Rev. G. W. Morris offered a fervent prayer to God for His guidance during the session.

Bar of Conference fixed and members invited within.

President appointed committee on credentials (see committee).

Order of business of last session was adopted.

Hours of conference fixed at 9 to 11 a. m. and 1 to 4 p. m.

At 11 a. m. preaching by Rev. T. J. O burn.

President appointed committee on Pulpit Service (see committee).

The election of officers resulted as follows: For President, Rev. J. McD. Radford; for Secretary, J. J. Barge; for Conference Steward, J. S. Owens.

Boundary committee (see committee).

Stationing committee (see committee).

The President appointed the following committees:

Temperance, finance, official character, statistics, orders and itinerancy, general interests, journals.

The Secretary was directed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the old standing district committee, after E. S. Lane's name had been stricken and H. T. Masters, inserted in his stead. (See Committee.)

Transfer of Rev. C. B. McDaniel from the Alabama M. P. Conference presented and by vote of conference his name was entered on the membership roll of this conference.

Communication from Mrs. Holland announcing the death of her mother, Mrs. F. S. Harlan was received, and on motion a committee of five was appointed to draft a suitable memorial, as follows:

Rev. G. W. Morris, Rev. T. J. Biggers, Rev. R. S. McGarity, H. T. Masters and J. J. Barge.

The President referred the following communications:

Letter from Rev. W. J. Causey to committees on official character and stationing. Letter from Rev. E. C. Jordan to committees on official character, stationing, statistics. Communications from Rev. A. Mauldin to stationing, ministerial character. Rev. T. J. Lyle's to stationing, ministerial character. Communications from Rev. T. J. Ogburn and Rev. G. E. McManiman, D. D., to committee on general interests.

7 p. m.—Rev. T. J. Ogburn presented in a very strong manner the foreign mission interest.

FRIDAY, December 4, 1903

Religious exercises conducted by Rev. L. C. Wilkerson: Romans, 12th chapter.

The minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion Mrs. M. M. Henherson, J. L. McGarity, E. B. Doster were invited to honorary seats on the floor of the conference.

Communication from Rev. J. W. Phillips.

Referred to Committee on Official Character.

Communication from F. T. Tagg, D. D., referred to committee on general interests.

10 a. m.—Conference took a recess for committee work.

11 a. m.—Preaching by Rev. R. S. McGarity.

AFTERNOON.

Report of committee on journals received and adopted. (See report).

Report of committee on boundary was received, considered seriatim and adopted. [See report.]

Report of committee on official character received and adopted. (See Report.)

2 p. m. conference called off and electoral college formed by electing H. T. Masters chairman, J. J. Barge, secretary, Rev. S. M. Garrett, Rev. R. S. McGarity, N. A. Horton, judges.

The following delegates were elected to the General Conference:

Ministerial—Rev. J. McD. Radford, Rev. R. S. McGarity; alternates, Rev. S. M. Garrett, Rev. J. C. Patrick.

Laymen—Hon. W. C. Adamson, J. J. Barge; alternates, H. T. Masters, B. F. Morris.

Report of committee on credentials received and adopted. (See report.)

On motion the secretary was directed to drop the name of Rev. S. J. Robinson from the membership roll of this Conference.

Rev. J. R. Anderson, pastor of Waco, circuit, reported the work of J. B. Earnest, as local preacher, satisfactory.

Report of Committee on Statistics received and adopted. (See Report.)

Resolved, That the Georgia Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church do tender our thanks to the members and friends of Mt. Zion Church for the very marked hospitality and kindness generally extended to us throughout our entire session.

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E. B. AYCOCK, Movant.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

Your Committee appointed at last session to bear fraternal greetings to U. B. Conference report as follows:

We obeyed your orders.

R. S. MCGARITY,

J. McD. RADFORD.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1903.

Religious exercises conducted by Rev. J. McD. Radford.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Report of committee on Finance received and adopted. (See report.)

GEORGIA CONFERENCE M. P. CHURCH

Report of Committee on General Interests received and adopted. (See Report.)

President appointed the following named ministers to Union Campmeeting:

Rev. J. A. McGarity, Rev. A. G. Upshaw, Rev. J. C. Patrick.

To preach Conference sermon, Rev. E. B. Aycock.

On motion it was ordered that the next Annual Session of this Conference be held at Carrollton on Thursday, December 1, 1904, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Report of Committee on Orders and Itinerancy received and adopted. (See Report.)

11:00 A. M., preaching by Rev. A. G. Upshaw—John, 15, 5.

AFTERNOON.

The Secretary was made Publishing Committee, and it was ordered that he be paid \$10.00 for his services.

On motion it was ordered that \$20.00 be paid the President to reimburse him for expenses paid out in the administration of his office.

Report of Stationing Committee received, considered seriatim and adopted. (See Report.)

Letter of Dr. D. S. Stephens, President General Conference, to President J. McD. Radford and his reply thereto to

Dr. M. L. Jennings taken from the table and considered.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Georgia Annual Conference, in its Seventy-fourth Session, endorses the sentiments set out in President Radford's letter, and that our delegates to the next General Conference be and they are hereby instructed to advocate the views therein set out.

N. A. HORTON.

Our fraternal delegates to the U. B. Conference made report. (See Report.)

Report of Board of Church Extension received and adopted. (See Report.)

Report of Conference Steward received and adopted. (See Report.)

Report of Committee on Temperance received and adopted. (See Report.)

Conference adjourned with Long Meter Doxology.

SUNDAY, December 6, 1903.

Preaching by President Radford, after which Rev. J. R. Anderson was ordained by the President, assisted by Rev. A. G. Upshaw and Rev. J. C. Patrick.

J. McD. RADFORD, President.

J. J. BARGE, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

BOUNDARY.

Atlanta Mission—Mitchell's Chapel.
 Bowdon Circuit—Bowdon, Carrollton, Victory.
 Cedar Grove Circuit—Cedar Grove, Owl Rock, Anvil Block,
 Clifton and New Hope Mission. under the watch care of Cedar Grove
 Circuit.
 DeKalb Circuit—Mt. Zion, Kelly's Chapel.
 Gordon Circuit—Mt. Pleasant, Woodlawn, Fowler's Chapel,
 Shilo.
 Jackson Circuit—Pentecost, Nazareth, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant
 Grove.
 Jersey Circuit—Brown's Chapel, Alcova, Newton Factory,
 Austin's Chapel.
 Laurel Branch Circuit—Laurel Branch, Union Hill.
 Newnan Circuit—Brooks Station, Mt. Zion, Lee's Chapel, Oak
 Grove.
 Pomona Mission—Pomona.
 Riverdale Circuit—Mt. Carmel, Poplar Springs, Hope Well,
 Stockbridge.
 Randolph Circuit—Trinity, Elmo.
 Rome Circuit—Montgomery Chapel, Heywood, Reeves' Sta-
 tion.
 Sharon Mission—Sharon.
 Tallapoosa Circuit—Mandeville (Miss.), Union Grove, Har-
 mony, Mt. Carmel, Rock Springs.
 Waco Circuit—Waco, Union, Smith's Chapel, New Hope.
 Walton Circuit—Union Chapel, Mt. Carmel, New Hope and
 Pleasant Grove, Miss.

R. S. MCGARITY, Chairman.
 N. A. HORTON, Secretary.

STATIONING.

We the Stationing Committee, beg leave to submit the fol-
 lowing:

Atlanta Mission—J. R. Anderson, pastor.
 Bowdon Circuit—J. McD. Radford, pastor.
 Cedar Grove Circuit—C. R. McDaniel, pastor.
 DeKalb Circuit—A. G. Upshaw, pastor.
 Gordon Circuit—To be supplied.
 Jackson Circuit—R. S. McGarity, pastor; associate, E. B. Dos-
 ter.
 Jersey Circuit—E. B. Aycock, pastor.
 Laurel Branch—A. G. Upshaw, supply. We, the Committee,
 recommend that the President indorse this appointment. (I indorse
 J. McD. Radford, President.)
 Newnan Circuit—To be supplied.

Pomona Mission—S. M. Garrett, pastor.

Riverdale Circuit—J. C. Patrick, pastor.

Randolph Circuit—L. C. Wilkinson, pastor.

Sharon Mission—To be supplied.

Tallahpoosa Circuit—T. J. Biggers, pastor. Associates, T. J.

Whitehead, J. B. Earnest.

Waco Circuit—To be supplied by A. Mauldin and S. M. Garrett. We, the Committee, recommend that the President indorse this appointment. (Indorsed, J. McD. Radford, President.)

G. W. Morris, superannuate.

Left in the Hands of the President—J. O. A. Radford, W. J.

Causey, E. C. Jorden, D. H. Mobley, J. W. Phillipps.

T. J. Lyle loaned to the Florida Conference

We hereby appoint the following named ministers to attend the campmeeting: J. A. McGarity, J. C. Patrick and A. G. Upshaw.

G. W. MORRIS, Chairman.

GENERAL INTERESTS.

Your Committee on General Interests respectfully submit the following report:

We are fully persuaded that the General Interests of our Church, namely: Home and Foreign Missions and Ministerial Education have failed of proper support by our Conference for the reason that our ministers have not urged them upon our people as they ought. We are further sure that in many cases the failure to urge them has grown out of the failure on the part of our ministry to fully acquaint themselves with these general interests. For this neglect there can be no just reason. The agents of our several boards are constantly appealing to us through our church papers, and also by direct appeal every year they bring them to our attention. We believe that when the pastors do their full duty in presenting and contributing to these several interests their teaching and example will elicit a ready and liberal response from the membership of the church, and that this expression of a broadened and deepened sympathy for the work of the whole church will result in a marked growth and greatly increased power in our own Conference.

We beg our pastors to do all they can to put the church papers, the Methodist Protestant and the Methodist Recorder, one or both, in every home of our people.

We insist upon every congregation holding the Easter service and the Children's Days service in the Sunday School for our mission work, and also that our Sunday Schools use our own literature.

Again we call attention to the still further reduced price of Dr. Drinkhouse's History of Methodism and urge our pastors and people to avail themselves of this opportunity to secure this work and more fully acquaint themselves with the history of their church.

E. B. AYCOCK, Chairman.

ORDERS AND ITINERANCY.

Your Committee has examined Brother E. B. Doster on gifts, graces and doctrines of the Church and recommend that he be put under the stationing authority of the Conference.

We further recommend that Brother T. J. Whitehead and Brother J. B. Earnest be granted a special license in accordance with the laws of our Church.

We have examined Brother J. R. Anderson on gifts, graces and doctrines of the Church and recommend that he be ordained to Elders Orders by this Conference.

REV. R. S. McGARITY,
J. I. ETHREDGE,
H. T. MASTERS.

Committee.

OFFICIAL CHARACTER.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Character, beg leave to make the following report.

We recommend the passage of the character of the following brethren:

G. W. Morris, T. J. Biggers, J. O. A. Radford, R. S. McGarity, J. A. McGarity, W. J. Causey, A. Mauldin, S. M. Garrett, J. C. Patrick, J. McD. Radford, W. P. Bryant, A. G. Upshaw, E. B. Aycock, L. C. Wilkerson, D. H. Mobley, J. R. Anderson, T. J. Lyles, E. C. Jordan.

M. W. Wortham not heard from.

All of the ministers report something paid on some one of the local or general interest, but we note with deep regret that a few of our ministers' reports show that nothing was collected for the greater number of our general and local interests. We exhort these brethren, therefore, to strengthen their ministerial character by bringing up these collections, or expose the churches who have not answered his prayerful appeals

J. A. McGARITY,
J. R. ANDERSON,
W. F. MANLY,

Committee.

JOURNALS.

We, the Committee on Journals, have examined the Journal of the Annual Conference of the M. P. Church of the Georgia District, and find it neatly and correctly kept.

S. M. GARRETT, Chairman.

CREDENTIALS.

Your Committee on Credentials report the following delegates duly elected and entitled to membership in this Conference. (See Membership Roll.)

J. R. ANDERSON,
W. D. STAR,
D. T. STONE

Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following:

Resolved, That the Methodist Protestant Church reiterates its well established position for temperance, and that it now pledges itself to continue its efforts to reclaim from the grasp of strong drink those who have fallen into its clutches. That this conference sets its seal of condemnation on the manufacture and sale of domestic wines, and that we recommend the membership of our Church to use every effort to suppress this, as well as all means of intemperance.

J. C. PATRICK, Chairman.

FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance respectfully submit the following report:

We are sure that the card system for raising the local and general interests of our Church has not had a fair trial. We insist on this being done and that failure on the part of our pastors to use this system shall be sufficient ground for the arrest of their character at the next annual session.

We recommend that these cards filled out as directed be placed as soon as received in the hands of our members, taking care to put one in the hands of every member of our Church, from the youngest to the oldest. And, further, that we take public collections in our Churches for these several interests, thus giving friends who are not members an opportunity to help us in our work.

We recommend the following apportionment per capita: For General interests, Home Missions, 10 cents; Foreign Missions, 8 cents; Ministerial Education, 5 cents; Local Interests, Church Extension, 30 cents; Conference Collection, 5 cents.

G. H. ADAMSON, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board submits the following report:

We recommend and urge the pastors of the various charges to plead for a liberal contribution for this special work.

We now have demands on us as a Board and Church that need our help, and we could do much good if we had the money in hand.

We recommend that this Conference donate the sum of \$38.96 to the parsonage of the Jersey Circuit, said donation to be made from the money collected for church extension and now in the hands of the Board.

We recommend that the sum of \$20.00 be paid the President of the Conference to reimburse him for money paid out in the official work of the Conference.

J. A. McGARITY, Chairman Pro Tem.

Amount now on hand \$558.96, with some interest on the deposit at Monroe.

R. S. MCGARITY, T. B. C. E.

The Conference Steward begs leave to make the following report:

Conference collection.....	\$ 46.26
Home missions.....	38.12
Foreign missions.....	39.10
Ministerial collection.....	15.65
Church Extension.....	102.22
Total.....	\$241.35

Paid to Foreign Missions.....	\$44.90
" " Home Missions.....	36.29
" " Ministerial Education.....	16.95
" " Church Extension.....	107.89
" " Publishing Committee.....	35.32

Total..... \$241.35

The error in disbursements, as shown above, was occasioned by a mistake in one of the pastor's reports, said error was not detected until funds had been forwarded.

J. S. OWENS, Steward.

PUBLISHING.

Received from Steward.....	\$ 36.03
Paid for publishing minutes, 1,000 copies.....	18.00
Paid Secretary's fee.....	10.00
Postage, stationery, etc.....	10.00

\$ 38.00

J. J. BARGE.

BY-LAWS.

Georgia District—Synoptical.

1. No layman shall sit as a member of the annual conference until regularly ordained, or until he has given satisfactory evidence of his election: Where alternates are elected, the certificates of the quarterly conference shall so express it.

2. Lay delegates to the annual conference shall be elected by the constitutional voters in the circuits and stations as follows: (a) Pastor shall notify churches at first appointment after second quarterly conference that, at next appointment, the election of delegates to annual conference will take place in each church. (b) Pastor and class-leaders shall superintend election, but in case of absence of one or both the church shall appoint some person or persons to superintend election by receiving the tickets of all the voters. Such person shall then count, seal and transmit a full list of names of voters, and number of votes given to each person voted for, by some one appointed by the church to the next quarterly conference. These returns shall be opened in conference, counted by the chairman and secretary, assisted by two laymen. The person or persons having the highest number of votes shall be declared duly elected, and furnished with certificates accordingly.

In case of a tie, the members of quarterly conference shall decide election by a majority of votes.

(c) Eligibility to vote for trustees, only members of twenty-one years of age. For all other officers, all members.

To hold office, trustees, men twenty-one years of age, women sole femme.

Delegates to annual conference, men twenty-one years of age.

Class leaders and church stewards, all members twenty-one years old.

Sabbath School Superintendents, all members sixteen years old.

(d) Each pastor shall forward certificate of election of lay delegates to secretary of annual conference, who shall make from same, roll of lay members.

3. The conference shall never appoint any man to itinerate unless he expresses himself willing to labor in that capacity.

4. Each pastor shall urge upon all members the necessity of studying our discipline and reading the church official organs.
5. No preacher or minister shall be elected to elder's orders, who dissents from any of the fundamental doctrines or ordinances of our church as set forth in our articles of religion, or who has not strictly complied with the discipline.
6. When practicable, the ordination of our ministers shall take place on Sabbath, during the session of conference.
7. The second article of the constitution, and the last clause of the first section of the detail discipline, shall be understood to apply to seekers of religion only, and each church may admit to full membership persons applying on their profession of their faith in Christ and knowledge of their sins forgiven.
8. The president shall have no power, during the recess of conference, to appoint any minister or preacher to a circuit or station without consulting said circuit or station or its authorities.
9. A quorum shall be a majority of all votes of all members present.
10. The secretary shall furnish to each minister in the district the following blanks, three months before the assembling of the annual conference: On Statistics, on Finances on Official Character
11. Each minister shall fill above blanks and statistics and present the same as his report, to the committee on official character.
12. At the assembling of the annual conference, the president shall appoint a committee of five, styled the committee on official character, to whom shall be submitted that part of the pastor's report, concerning discharge of pastoral duties, and this committee, as soon as possible, render its report to the conference
13. In the case of death of our ministers, committee on public services, at succeeding annual conference, shall appoint an hour during the that session for memorial services.
14. It shall be the duty of the board of stewards to organize immediately after elected, and organize by electing a chairman, secretary and treasurer, to solicit, receive and expend all funds coming regularly into their hands, and to keep a full complete and accurate register of all their proceedings, receipt and expenditures.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Seventy-Fourth Annual Session of the Georgia District,
Methodist Protestant Church.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The close of another Conference year bring us together once more in annual session. Let us thank God for his goodness and mercy that hath followed us since last we sat in Conference together, and earnestly and humbly implore his presence and his guidance in all the work of the session now assembled.

My first duty was to find pastors for the unsupplied charges in the district. In this work great difficulty was encountered, necessitating a heavy correspondence with but poor results in respect to a number of the charges, and some of them have had to go all the year without pastoral care. The following appointments were arranged for: Cedar Grove Circuit, Rev. Jno. D. Keith, pastor from May to October, Rev. C. B. McDaniel, pastor from October to the close of the Conference year. Each of these brethren were loaned to us from the Alabama Conference, and had charge of two of the churches on the work; namely, Cedar Grove and Owl Rock. They each did good and faithful work. Anvil Block church had previously agreed with Rev. A. G. Upshaw, pastor of DeKalb circuit, to preach for them.

Laurel Branch circuit was for several appointments without a pastor. In the summer they were visited by Rev. A. Mauldin

and later it was arranged to have Rev. W. P. Bryant, pastor of Ryck Springs Mission, to serve them for remainder of conference year. Both of these churches deserve commendation for their loyalty under the most discouraging conditions.

Harmony church, Carroll county. was by oversight left out of plan of appointment, and Bro. T. J. Whitehead, a local preacher, has served them for the year. An arrangement approved by myself upon concurrent consent of said church and preacher.

Pomona Mission petitioned to be added to Atlanta Mission under name of Atlanta and Pomona Mission and Rev. S. M. Garrett be appointed pastor. Petition was granted and appointment made.

Tallapoosa circuit asked for the appointment of Rev. T. J. Biggers as pastor, and Rev. A. Mauldin as associate pastor. These brethren having agreed to serve in such capacity the appointment was made.

Rev. J. O. A. Radford was appointed to pastorate of Oconee Mission, and entered upon a faithful service of the same. After repeated failures in an effort to hold a church meeting, and marked indifference, and disaffection on part of a large portion of church, he desired to be released and the release was granted. They have since been without any pastoral care from our church. Sharon Mission, asked to be allowed to have Rev. C. B. McDaniel of Alabama conference to serve them for the year. As this seemed the only feasible arrangement, this request was granted and their action approved.

Pleasant Grove mission asked to be continued unsupplied, and has had the service of Rev. J. A. McGarity all the year.

Rome circuit, Constitution mission and Newnan circuit, I have had to leave unsupplied all the year, not being able to learn definitely their desires, though I tried faithfully to learn by correspondence.

Rev. C. B. McDaniel's transfer from Alabama Conference was received a few days ago and has been properly countersigned and is presented herewith to this conference for its confirmation.

Again we urge the necessity for a thorough canvass of our district for the purpose of grouping into circuits that would sustain their pastors. And of constituting a home-mission-field for all those charges too weak to sustain a pastor. I trust that the Boundary committee and the Board of Church Extension will give this matter their attention.

A more liberal pastoral support is the great need of our church in Georgia. This is a matter that we must provide for

or continue to suffer more and more in a depletion of our ministerial ranks.

We are glad to note our improvement in our Church Extension fund and trust that all our churches will contribute more and more liberally to it every year.

Thanking you, my brethren, for the repeated honor you have conferred upon me in calling me to the presidency of this body, and for the confidence you have reposed in me, and for your sympathy in all my labors, and hoping that my labors have been in some measure helpful to our church, I pray the blessing and guidance of God upon us all at this session.

J. McD. RADFORD,
President Georgia District.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call to order.
2. Religious Exercises.
3. Roll Call.
4. Reading Minutes.
5. Enrollment of Members.
6. Election of Officers and Committees.
7. Report of Committees.
8. Introduction of Memorials, Papers, etc.
9. Incidental Business.
10. Adjournment.

CATECHISM.

By Committee on Ministerial Character, to Ministers:

1. When did you arrive on your work?
2. When did you leave your work?
3. How many appointments have you failed to meet during the conference year? Why?
4. Have you faithfully presented the General Interests of the Church, and lifted the collections ordered by the Conference?

DELEGATES.

1. Was your pastor faithful?
2. Was he exemplary?
3. Was he useful?

Report of the Committee on Statistics of Georgia M. P. Conference, 1903.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	MEMBERSHIP							SUNDAY SCHOOL				PROPERTIES					COLLECTIONS								
	MEMBERSHIP							SUNDAY SCHOOL				PROPERTIES					COLLECTIONS								
	Unstated Ministers.	Local Preachers.	Members at beginning of year.	Accessions.	Removals, Withdr'ls, etc.	Deaths.	Present Total Membership.	Church Papers Taken.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Literature Used.	Churches.	Value of Church Property.	Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Insurance Carried.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Church Extension.	Conference Collections.	Pastors Salary.	Miscellaneous Interests.
Atlanta and Ponona Mis.	1	1	163	14	3	3	171	5	2	6	135	85	M. P.	2	2609 50	...	...	1350	\$6 67	\$4 45	...	\$3 50	\$2 37	\$202 75	\$13 00
Bowdon Circuit.	1	1	148	16	17	1	136	16	4	12	143	15	M. P.	4	7300 00	...	...	3000	8 52	11 15	\$5 25	30 51	5 65	501 52	5 00
Cedar Grove Circuit.	1	1	293	25	13	...	...	9	3	16	160	90	M. P.	3	3475 50	...	...	...	25 10	19 50	3 00	8 30	7 00	379 60	...
Constitution Mission	1	1	17	11	4	3	280	4	2	7	110	12	M. P.	1	420 00	...	...	...	14 76	...	...	...	4 08	179 36	...
DeKalb Circuit.	1	1	276	11	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2228 80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Gordon Circuit.	1	1	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	300 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Harmony Mission.	1	1	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	150 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jackson Circuit.	2	2	366	27	...	...	391	4	1	1	220	...	M. P.	4	2130 00	1	750	7 70	7 70	...	3 63	3 75	225 34	425 00	155 72
Jersey Circuit.	3	1	294	4	8	1	289	7	3	14	148	450	M. P.	4	2634 00	1	600	10 03	8 03	...	...	18 13	3 93	225 34	92 40
Laurel Branch Circuit.	1	1	196	4	11	1	188	1	1	1	20	...	M. P.	2	1583 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 50	92 40	...	...
*Newnan Circuit.	2	2	127	...	...	...	52	...	...	...	40	...	M. P.	4	375 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60 00	...	...
Oconee Mission.	1	1	37	15	...	...	153	4	1	4	75	...	M. P.	1	250 00	...	...	...	86	1 35	50	3 05	75	45 85	1 50
Pleasant Grove Mission.	1	1	153	13	...	...	153	4	1	4	75	...	M. P.	1	1063 00	...	...	...	35	60	10	10	1 75	170 00	...
Randolph Circuit.	2	2	96	10	...	...	106	...	...	...	...	...	M. P.	2	1076 00	1	600	23 68	2 00	...	...	5 25	279 00	52 06	
Riverdale Circuit.	3	3	440	22	...	...	440	8	3	18	147	...	M. P.	2	2627 00	1	600	750	...	...	...	...	50 00	...	...
Rock Springs Mifston	1	1	50	...	...	...	50	...	...	...	...	...	M. P.	1	600 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100 00	10 00	...
*Rome Circuit.	1	1	57	...	...	...	57	...	...	...	...	...	M. P.	2	300 00	...	...	...	5 00	5 15	1 00	5 00	2 00	100 00	10 00
Sharon Mission.	1	1	81	11	2	...	90	...	...	...	25	...	M. P.	1	687 00	...	...	...	5 00	5 15	1 00	5 00	2 00	100 00	10 00
*Tallapoosa Circuit.	1	1	141	22	2	...	161	...	...	...	68	...	M. P.	3	630 00	...	...	...	60	1 20	35	2 25	65	43 68	4 59
Waco Circuit.	1	1	246	35	3	...	276	5	3	7	130	...	M. P.	3	2128 50	...	...	...	6 22	3 09	1 94	7 53	1 82	198 67	219 75
Walton Circuit.	1	1	293	7	300	10	3	13	149	...	M. P.	3	2400 50	6 98	10 69	5 37	23 95	6 28	193 75	...
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